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Enclosed for filing is a new application for the above-entitled invention.

The complete application consists of 45 pages including:

1 title page;

pages of specification;

8 pages of claims;

page of abstract; and

8 sheets of informal drawings.

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The present application is a continuation-in-part of copending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/282,157, titled 'Method and System for Conducting Electronic Auctions with Multi-Parameter Price Equalization Bidding," filed on March 31, 1999, and in the names of Sam E. Kinney, Jr., Vincent F. Rago, Glen T. Meakem, Robert G. Stevens, David J. Becker, Anthony F. Bernard, William D. Rupp, Daniel C. Heckmann, Julia L. Rickert, Shane M. Tulloch, Jennifer L. Riddle, Nikki A. Sikes, and John P. Levis, III, assigned to the assignee of the present Application, FreeMarkets, Inc.

It is respectfully submitted that a Notice to File Missing Parts be directed to the undersigned.

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